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Mr. Jeff Fleischman, Chief
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RE: North Dakota's 2016 Permanent Program Administration and Enforcement Grant

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

Attached is North Dakota's 2016 Administration and Enforcement Grant Application for the next grant period that will run from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Copies of this grant application are also being e-mailed to you, John Sieving and Steve Trujillo.

We are requesting the full amount of federal funds (\$909,580) that OSM recently allocated to North Dakota to carry the coal regulatory program activities during the next 12-month grant period. The total program costs for 2016 Administration and Enforcement Grant Period as detailed in the grant application are \$1,421,218, with the Federal share being \$909,580, or 64% of the total costs. An estimated indirect cost rate of 29% is used in the grant application. A new indirect cost rate will soon be submitted to the Office of the Inspector General for North Dakota's 2015-17 biennium that begins July 1, 2015.

Also, since the amount of federal funds allocated for the next grant period is about \$35,000 less than we were awarded for the current grant period, it is possible that we may need to file a grant amendment later on to request additional federal funds before June 30, 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (701) 328-2251.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

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